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SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN/HERMITAGE EXCHANGE

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1. AT MARCH TWENTY-FIVE MEETING WITH MIN CULT, EMBOFFS
LEARNED FROM SOVIETS FOR FIRST TIME THAT OFFICIAL OPENING OF
METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT IN LENINGRAD IS MAY TWENTY-TWO; CLOSING DATE
IS JULY TWENTY. EXHIBIT REOPENS IN MOSCOW AUGUST TWENTY-ONE,
AND RUNS UNTIL OCTOBER SIXTEEN. THE HERMITAGE SCYTHIAN TREASURE
EXHIBIT OPENS IN NEW YORK APRIL SIXTEEN.

2. MIN CULT (BUTROVA) PROPOSED AN OFFICIAL EXCHANGE OF DELE-
GATIONS FOR THE OPENING OF BOTH EXHIBITS. THE MIN CULT PROPOSAL,
IN WHICH WE CONCUR, WOULD HAVE DEPARTMENT HOST THREE-MEMBER
SOVIET DELEGATION TO NEW YORK OPENING OF HERMITAGE EXHIBIT,
WHILE MIN CULT WOULD HOST SIMILAR DELEGATION FOR EITHER LENINGRAD
OR MOSCOW OPENING OF METROPOLITAN EXHIBIT.

3. MIN CULT DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF POPOV (DEPMIN);
KHALTURIN, MIN CULT OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF GRAPHIC ARTS; AND
BUTROVA. FYI: BUTROVA SAID MINISTER OF CULTURE DEMICHEV HAD BEEN
INVITED TO OPEING BY HOVING, BUT QUOTE PROBABLY WOULD NOT ATTEND
END QUOTE. MIN CLUT AND EMBASSY ASSUME HOVING AND HERMITAGE
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DIRECTOR PETROVSKIY WOULD BE SENT BY THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

AND HENCE WOULD NOT BE PART OF DEPT/MIN CULT EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS.

4. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES HOST SOVIET DELEGATION, EMBASSY ENVISAGES VISIT COULD BE EXPANDED TO ABOUT A WEEK'S TIME TO INCLUDE OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO CULTURAL DELEGATION, PARTICULARLY POPOV WHO OCCUPIES KEY POSITION IN MINISTRY AND HAS BEEN ONLY BRIEFLY IN U.S. SOME YEARS AGO.

5. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION BUROVA REVEALED SCYTHIAN EXHIBIT PROBABLY WOULD NOT TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES QUOTE BECAUSE IT IS A VERY RARE COLLECTION, AND WE DO NOT WISH IT TO TRAVEL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BESIDES, LOS ANGELES HAS ALREADY HAD THREE RECENT EXHIBITS END QUOTE.

6. BUTROVA INVITED EMBASSY TO SELECT AMERICANS WHO WOULD COME AS DELEGATION, BUT DURING DISCUSSION IT DEVELOPED HOVING HAD ALREADY SUGGESTED RONALD BERMAN. NAMES OF NANCY HANKS AND DOUGLAS DILLON APPARENTLY ALSO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT EXTENT OF HOVING'S INITIATIVES IN THIS REGARD ARE NOT CLEAR TO US.

7. APPRECIATE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER DEPARMENT WILLING ACCEPT MIN CULT PROPOSAL. IF SO, ATTENDANCE AT EITHER OR BOTH OPENINGS IS POSSIBILITY, ACCORDING BUTROVA.
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